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| In re Application of: |) |
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| Pierre Jean François Layrolle, Klaas de Groot, Joost Dick de Bruijn, an Clemens A. van Blitterswijk |) Examiner: nd) Brenda A. Lamb) |
| Serial No.: 09/757,310 |) Art Unit: 1734 |
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| Title: METHOD FOR COATING MEDICAL IMPLANTS |)) |

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

- 1. Amendment and Response to Office Action, and
- 2. Return postcard.

No additional fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Jamay 23, 2004

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